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SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF DAVID KORN TO CALCUTTA

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON

1. AS MUCH AS I REGRET DELAYING KORN'S DEPARTURE FOR CALCUTTA, GIVEN CRITICAL STAGE OF OUR OPERATIONS IN NEAR EAST AREA AND ANTICIPATED HEAVY WORKLOAD IN MAY, I HAVE HAD TO ASK HIM TO STAY ON HERE UNTIL END OF MAY. THIS MEANS THAT KORN'S NEW ETA IN CALCUTTA WOULD BE JUNE 15.

2. I RECOGNIZE THAT THIS POSES PROBLEMS FOR CONGEN CALCUTTA' OPERATIONS PARTICULARLY SINCE POLOFF PETER BURLEIGH IS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO DEPART CALCUTTA MAY 15 FOR ARRIVAL IN MANAMA JULY 15. SOLUTION WOULD BE FOR BURLEIGH TO STAY ON IN CALCUTTA UNTIL JUNE 15, BUT SINCE BURLEIGH'S ARRIVAL IN MANAMA CAN BE SLIPPED NO MORE THAN ONE WEEK (TO JULY 22) THIS WILL WORK THE HARDSHIP ON HIM OF SHORTENING HIS HOME LEAVE. AN ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE FOR THE EMBASSY TO SEND SOMEONE FROM DELHI TO CALCUTTA TO COVER THE INTERIM BETWEEN
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BURLEIGH'S DEPARTURE AND KORN'S ARRIVAL. WOULD SUGGEST THAT

DAVID SCHNEIDER CONTACT BURLEIGH TO SEE WHAT CAN BE WORKED
OUT- AGAIN, I REGRET THAT WE ARE NOT ABLE TO BE MORE HELPFUL
ON THIS END BUT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES ABOVE IS BEST WE CAN
SUGGEST. INGERSOLL

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